

CHILD CARE ORGANIZATIONS (EXCERPT)
Act 116 of 1973

722.112 Rules; ad hoc committee; review.

Sec. 2. (1) The department of human services, referred to in this act as the "department", is responsible for the development of rules for the care and protection of children in organizations covered by this act and for the promulgation of these rules pursuant to the administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 to 24.328.

(2) The department shall establish an ad hoc committee for each type of child care organization as defined in this act when it is formulating or amending rules under this act. The committee shall consist of not less than 12 members, and shall include representatives of the following groups and agencies:

- (a) Department of community health.
- (b) Department of labor and economic growth, bureau of fire services, and state fire safety board.
- (c) Department of education.
- (d) Representatives of organizations affected by this act.
- (e) Parents of children affected by this act.

(3) A majority of the members appointed to the committee established by subsection (2) shall be representatives of organizations affected by this act and parents of children affected by this act. The committee shall serve during the period of the formulation of rules, shall have responsibility for making recommendations on the content of rules, and shall recommend to the department revisions in proposed rules at any time before their promulgation.

(4) The rules promulgated under this act shall be restricted to the following:

(a) The operation and conduct of child care organizations and the responsibility the organizations assume for child care.

(b) The character, suitability, training, and qualifications of applicants and other persons directly responsible for the care and welfare of children served.

(c) The general financial ability and competence of applicants to provide necessary care for children and to maintain prescribed standards.

(d) The number of individuals or staff required to insure adequate supervision and care of the children received.

(e) The appropriateness, safety, cleanliness, and general adequacy of the premises, including maintenance of adequate fire prevention and health standards to provide for the physical comfort, care, and well being of the children received. However, the rules with respect to fire prevention and fire safety shall not apply to a child care center established and operated by an intermediate school board, the board of a local school district, or by the board or governing body of a state approved nonpublic school, if the child care center is located in a school building that is approved by the bureau of fire services created in section 1b of the fire prevention code, 1941 PA 207, MCL 29.1b, or other similar authority as provided in section 3 of 1937 PA 306, MCL 388.853, for school purposes and is in compliance with the school fire safety rules, R 29.1901 to R 29.1934 of the Michigan administrative code, as determined by the bureau of fire services or a fire inspector certified pursuant to section 2b of the fire prevention code, 1941 PA 207, MCL 29.2b.

(f) Provisions for food, clothing, educational opportunities, programs, equipment, and individual supplies to assure the healthy physical, emotional, and mental development of children served.

(g) Provisions to safeguard the legal rights of children served.

(h) Maintenance of records pertaining to admission, progress, health, and discharge of children.

(i) Filing of reports with the department.

(j) Discipline of children.

(k) Transportation safety.

(5) Rules once promulgated are subject to major review by an ad hoc committee not less than once every 5 years and shall be reviewed biennially by the department. The ad hoc committee shall be established by the department, shall consist of not less than 12 members, and shall include representatives of the groups and agencies indicated in subsection (2). The ad hoc committee shall hold at least 2 public hearings regarding the review of rules and shall report its recommendations regarding rules to the appropriate committees of the legislature.

History: 1973, Act 116, Eff. Mar. 29, 1974;—Am. 1983, Act 150, Imd. Eff. July 18, 1983;—Am. 2006, Act 206, Imd. Eff. June 19, 2006.

Constitutionality: The First and Fourteenth Amendments of the United States Constitution do not prevent the state from compelling the defendants to conform to the licensure requirements of the childcare organization act. Department of Social Services v Emmanuel Baptist Preschool, 434 Mich 380; 455 NW2d 1 (1990).

Compiler's note: For transfer of powers and duties of state fire marshal to department of labor and economic growth, bureau of construction codes and fire safety, by type II transfer, see E.R.O. No. 2003-1, compiled at MCL 445.2011.

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Administrative rules: R 400.1 et seq.; R 400.1301 et seq.; R 400.4101 et seq.; R 400.5101 et seq.; R 400.5106 et seq.; R 400.9101 et seq.; R 400.11101 et seq.; R 400.12101 et seq.; and R 400.16001 of the Michigan Administrative Code.